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SUBJECT: Funding & Assistance Sources for Utilities

PROGRAM OR AGENCY CONTACT NAME PHONE	DESCRIPTION	WORKS WITH
National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) Michael J. Horner (202) 833-8383	NAWC is a trade association for Investor-owned utilities. Financing is provided to member companies for virtually any valid business proposal, including general working capital needs, capital improvements and project financing such as construction and upgrade of systems, operational equipment and refinancing of existing debt. The program's interest rates are competitive, and rates are fixed and indexed to U.S. Treasury rates. There is a \$250 application fee and a 1 percent origination fee. Repayment is up to 20 years. The loan is secured in the borrowed assets. Loan amounts are from \$50,000 to \$500,000	Investor-owned Utilities (IOUs) Members of NAWC
Rural Economic & Community Development, USDA (Formerly the Farmers Home Administration) (RECD) Community Programs (817) 774-1306	RECD Water and Waste Disposal Loan funds are used to develop water and waste disposal (including solid waste disposal and storm drainage) systems in rural areas and towns with a population not in excess of 10,000. Grants may be given for up to 75 percent of eligible project costs in some cases.	Incorporated cities Districts Water Supply Corporations (WSCs) Counties Indian tribes
Co-Bank Steve Gustafson 1-800-542-8072	Provides financing for water and waste disposal systems serving predominantly unincorporated areas or communities of 20,000 or less population, including IOUs, WSCs, and political subdivisions such as cities or water districts. Co-Bank is a cash flow lender and will work with borrower to complete application. Loan amounts begin at \$75,000.	Incorporated cities Districts WSCs IOUs
Texas Water Development Board Financial Assistance Programs (512) 463-7847	Provides financing to local governments, political subdivision, and WSC's for water and wastewater projects through state-backed bonds or a combination of state bond proceeds and federal grant funds. Administers State Revolving Fund (SRF) for wastewater projects and Economically Distressed Area Program (EDAP) for financial assistance to economically distressed areas in 27 designated counties.	Water supply projects; water quality projects including wastewater treatment; non-point source pollution control; flood control
Melbye & Associates Russ Melbye (214) 985-8560	Financing to IOUs, WSCs and political subdivisions in the form of Lease/purchase, straight leasing and loans. Loan amounts begin at \$20,000.	Most capital improvement projects.

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Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Community Development Programs (512) 475-3800	Administers Community Development Block Grant program to WSCs and political subdivisions. Projects are funded on a ranking basis from a priority list, with a deadline for applications. Limited emergency or urgent need funds are available. Applicants should coordinate through local or regional planning agency. The availability of funds is based on State and Federal appropriations.	Water and wastewater, other community facility needs.
Texas Small Towns Environment Program (Texas STEP) George Freitag, TNRCC (512) 239-6105	Uses community self-help resources (people power and affordable budgets) to cut costs on water and wastewater projects. Loan funds may be available for projects which have a significant component of self-help. Works with local "sparkplugs" to accomplish projects.	Any water and wastewater projects for small communities, towns, subdivisions.
Community Resource Group (CRG) Harold Wells (512) 454-1033	Smaller loans to WSCs, small communities and cities. Management and technical assistance provided through circuit riders and publications. Loan amounts are from \$5,000 to \$75,000.	Water and sewer projects
First Commercial Capital Sequin, TX Bill Duncan (Austin) (800) 349-7917	Provides Small Business Administration (SBA) backed loans to IOUs and WSCs. A cash flow lender. Will accept applications and do personal evaluation/assistance to potential borrower. The amount of the loan depends on the purpose, but will loan smaller amounts.	No particular requirements.
United Financial of Illinois, Inc. Scott D. Pickard (708) 955-0188	Finances capital equipment for industrial accounts, limited partnerships, IOUs, WSCs, and cities. Loans, Sales and Leaseback, and Master lease is offered. Loan amounts are from \$50,000 to \$10,000,000.	Almost any project.
Consolidated Financial Resources, Inc. Maria D. Middleton (800) 966-2014	Arranges financing for political subdivisions. Will also work with districts, IOUs and WSCs in specific cases. Minimum loan amount is \$10,000.	Political subdivisions IOUs WSCs